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BEST AVAILABLE COPYPATENT**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. New claims 11-12 have been added.

Per a phone discussion with the Examiner, claim 9 has been placed in independent form, and claim 1 has been amended to include more of the media features.

The amendments do not add new matter. The song and video features described as being displayed are set forth in paragraph 0024. The various buttons are set forth in paragraphs 0019 - 0023. The mobile nature of the media device and numeric keyboard is set forth in paragraph 0030.

With respect to the pending rejections, the cited prior art does not show the combination media device and number pad as now claimed.

Asari is cited as showing multiple devices (keyboard and mouse) wirelessly connecting to a light receiving unit, which the office action equates to the claimed wireless hub.

Smith is cited as showing the switching between number pad and calculator functions for the number pad on a keyboard, with a separate display for the number pad in the calculator mode.

Batra is cited as showing separating the number pad and the keyboard.

However, none of these references recognized, as the present inventors did, the advantages of combining a media device and number pad. The user can move away from the computer and sit on a couch, and still control music, video, etc. through the mobile media and number pad device. The calculator function, also using the number pad, is another function a user can use away from the computer. This combination is not suggested in the prior art.

As now amended, claim 1 sets forth "said mobile media device and numeric keyboard being configured to provide to said display for a music application, at least one of an artist's name, song title and track number." Thus, the user, sitting on the couch, has the information needed on a local display to control music. With respect to video, claim 1 now sets forth "for a video application, at least one of a track number, a length of a video, a video title and an elapsed time." Again, the user can control, remote from the computer, a video with information on a local display to enable this, without having to see the computer display. This is

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combined with the number pad functions of a keyboard, giving efficiency and space savings by doubling up functions in a synergistic manner.

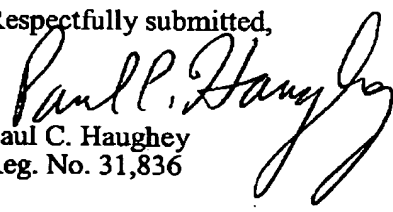
Claim 1 has also been amended to set forth specific media buttons, in particular "a back button, a forward button, a volume up button, a volume down button, a stop button, and a pause button." These additional features of claim 1 are not shown in any of the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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